

ABSTRACT

Metadata corresponding to content data respectively
5 stored in plural communication terminals can be retrieved
easily.

When any of the following three cases occurs:

- (a) any of communication terminal A to E is connected to
another communication terminal,
- 10 (b) an addition, a deletion, or a replacement of content data
30 stored in a content data storage 3 is produced, and
- (c) a communication terminal has received metadata 20 from
another communication terminal connected to the
communication terminal,
- 15 a metadata stored 20 in the metadata storage 2 gets updated and
the updated metadata 20, if the communication terminal is
connected to another upper level communication terminal, gets
transmitted to the upper level communication terminal.